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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:) Examiner: Jonathan M. FOREMAN
Mark J. CLIFFORD et al.) Art Unit: 3736
Serial No.: 10/601,300) Confirmation No.: 5880
Filed: June 18, 2003) Customer No.: 22430
For: **METHODS AND DEVICES FOR**) **Total Pages: 2**
CUTTING AND COLLECTING) **RESPONSE TO ELECTION**
SOFT TISSUE) **REQUIREMENT**
Atty. Docket No.: RUBI5850)

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Nita J. Miller

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2005, Applicants elect species of Figs. 17-18 and claims 1-31 readable thereon. Note claims 1-31 are generic to at least Figs. 17-23, in which the flexible membrane and the collected specimen are drawn toward the shaft of the device.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for response within first month from February 24, 2005, to March 24, 2005. Attached hereto is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) (Fee Code 2251) in the amount of \$60.

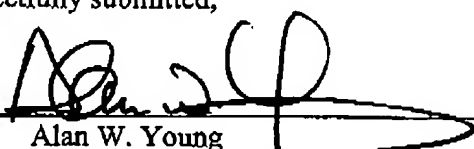
Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for examination and an early allowance. If any unresolved issues remain, please contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number indicated below and whatever is necessary to resolve such issues will be done at once.

Respectfully submitted,

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